

I think winter is finally over. We have started our spring cleaning. We have swept our main roads once and are now working on the developments. Because of the late spring, we are probably 2 weeks behind. If citizens question when their areas will be swept, please ask them to be patient. We will get there in time. We are also going around and chipping the trees and branches that were cut during the ice storm.

On the equipment front, our Sterling dump truck is finally back from the dealer in Bangor, after a month and a half. It appears to be running good. Time will tell if the problem is fixed. Our Volvo trash truck is another story. It is back in Augusta at O'Connors and will be there for most of the week. We are getting by with a rental unit from CMD and Waterville's spare truck. Our mechanic Ryan is presently servicing Parks and Rec's mowers and equipment for the summer season.

During the month of April, most of my crew took a drainage class offered by the Maine Local Roads Center. Half the crew went to Skowhegan and the remainder to Augusta. I also sent Jean Pierre, my foreman, to Brewer for a class on plan reading.

My tentative project list for the upcoming summer is as follows.

1. Complete the pump station project at Johnny's Selected Seeds.
2. Rebuild a section of the Wyman Bog Road. With time we may do all of it this year.
3. Rebuild a short section of the Taylor where we left off last year.
4. Overlay Robert Street now that the sewer work is complete.
5. Overlay a section of Clinton Avenue in the area of Whipple Street.

As part of the upcoming projects, we cut several large trees on the Wyman Bog Road. We also cut some on Benton Avenue that were overhanging the guard rails.

In closing, a reminder that Public Works has commenced our summer schedule of 4 ten hour days, Monday through Thursday.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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